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1. Method of Taking

A. Daily and Possession Limits.

Except as provided in 43.01(A)(1) it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, or possess more than 3 bluefish per day.

(1) Exemptions. The daily limit and possession limit shall not apply to persons licensed under 12 M.R.S. §6501 and §6421. The possession limit shall not apply to persons licensed under 12 M.R.S. §6851 and §6852.

B. It is unlawful to use multiple (more than two) barbed or barbless treble hooks on any artificial lure or flies while fishing for bluefish.

C. It is unlawful to use treble hook(s) when using bait.

The following becomes effective January 1, 2013:

It is unlawful to use any hook other than a circle hook when using bait. For purposes of this chapter the definition of circle hook means "a non-offset hook with a point that points 90° back toward the shaft of the hook".

D. Any striped bass killed during the take of bluefish becomes part of the daily bag limit in accordance with Chapter 42.02.

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